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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2005, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2005

The Senate met at 2:01 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable LAMAR ALEXANDER, a Senator from the State of Tennessee.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. You laid the Earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths. Each day we receive the showers of Your blessings.

Thank You for listening to our prayers and for keeping us safe. Thank You for giving us hope, even when life seems covered by shadows. From our earliest moments, we have been blessed by Your marvelous deeds. So we celebrate Your goodness.

Continue to sustain our legislators. Give them wisdom and courage to do their duty. Keep their hands and hearts pure. Teach them to do the right thing, to be honest and fair. Keep them humble and help them to trust You completely now and always.

Lord, continue to protect our Nation's military. We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable LAMAR ALEXANDER led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 24, 2005.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable LAMAR ALEXANDER, a Senator from the State of Tennessee, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

Mr. ALEXANDER thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROBERTS). The distinguished majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this afternoon, we will be in a period for morning business so Senators may introduce legislation and make statements. Following that 1 hour period, the Senate will proceed to executive session for the consideration of the nomination of Carlos Gutierrez to be Secretary of Commerce. Chairman STEVENS will be here to manage the hour of debate on this side of the aisle, and I understand

Senator DORGAN will control the remaining 1 hour. We do not have a request for a rollcall vote on the nomination. Therefore, we will proceed to a voice vote at the expiration of that time. Consequently, we will not have any rollcall votes today.

I do want to take this opportunity to remind my colleagues that we will begin debate on the nomination of Condoleezza Rice during tomorrow's session. The order from last week provides for debate on Tuesday with closing remarks on Wednesday and a vote on that nomination on Wednesday morning.

There are several other Cabinet-level nominations that may be ready for floor action this week, including the nominations of the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Attorney General. I will be talking with the Democratic leader about the full Senate consideration of those Cabinet positions as they become available.

RELATING TO THE DEATH OF HOWARD S. LIEBENGLOOD

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I am now turning to a resolution for a very close friend, and then I will take a few moments to comment on this resolution, really the man behind this resolution.

I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

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